

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT TACOMA

DIANA ZOE ELLIS,

Plaintiff,

v.

CHRISTINE GREGOIRE; STATE OF  
WASHINGTON; DEPARTMENT OF  
SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES; and  
COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICE,

Defendants.

Case No. 06-5313 RJB

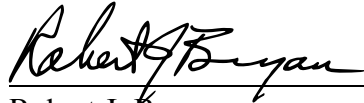
**ORDER GRANTING  
PLAINTIFF'S APPLICATION  
TO PROCEED IN FORMA  
PAUPERIS**

This matter comes before the court on petitioner's motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*.  
Dkt. 2. The court has considered the pleadings filed in support of the motion and the file herein.

Under 28 U.S.C. § 1915, any court of the United States may authorize the commencement,  
prosecution or defense of any suit, action or proceeding, civil or criminal, or appeal therein without  
prepayment of fees or security therefore. The court has broad discretion in approving or denying  
an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. *Weller v. Dickson*, 314 F.2d 598 (9th  
Cir. 1963), *cert. denied* 375 U.S. 845 (1963). A review of the documentation petitioner has  
submitted suggests that she is unable to pay the filing fee. Accordingly, the motion to proceed *in*  
*forma pauperis* should be approved. Therefore, it is hereby **ORDERED** that petitioner's motion  
to proceed *in forma pauperis* (Dkt. 2) is **GRANTED**.

1 The clerk is directed to send uncertified copies of this Order to all counsel of record and to  
2 any party appearing *pro se* at said party's last known address.

3 DATED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2006.

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5 Robert J. Bryan  
6 United States District Judge  
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